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[Clean up the Navajos' poisoned land](#)

Uranium mining has wreaked havoc on the Navajo people. The country owes it to them to clean up the mess.

Los Angeles Times - November 26, 2006

DURING WORLD WAR II, the federal government made a deal with Navajos: If the tribe allowed uranium mining on its 27,000-square-mile reservation, the land eventually would be returned "in as good condition as received." Instead, when the diggers left by the mid-1960s, the land was scarred by open shafts, contaminated well water and radioactive piles — often without fences or warning signs. As a Times series (latimes.com/navajo) reported last week, federal inspectors knew about the damage but did little to prevent or fix it.

[Tribal court limits extraditions](#)

By The Associated Press

RIVERTON - The Eastern Shoshone and Northern Arapaho Court will no longer sign extradition orders for tribal members cited in Riverton, head tribal Judge John St. Clair said. St. Clair said the tribes consider Riverton as "Indian country" and therefore not subject to state jurisdiction.

[Gaming compacts a touchy political issue](#)

Two officials in the Palm Springs, California, area are sparring over a stalled gaming compact for the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians. Palm Springs Mayor Ron Oden supports the compact, which authorizes the tribe to operate more than 2,000 slot machines and open a third casino. But Rancho Mirage Mayor Pro Tem Dana Hobart says his city opposes the agreement.

[Pala Band plans \\$100M expansion of casino](#)

The Pala Band of Mission Indians is planning a \$100 million expansion of its casino in the San Diego area. The tribe has released a draft environmental impact report that details the project. The tribe will increase the size of its casino by more than a third, add a poker room and slot machines and expand dining, entertainment and retail venues.

[Dartmouth apologizes for hosting UND 'Sioux'](#)

Dartmouth University in New Hampshire is drawing attention for apologizing for hosting a hockey tournament with

the University of North Dakota "Fighting Sioux." Dartmouth president Josie Harper called UND's nickname is "offensive and wrong." She also apologized for recent incidents on campus that offended Indian students.

[Minnesota tribes host economic summit](#)

Three Minnesota tribes are hosting an economic development summit and trade show this week. The White Earth Band, the Leech Lake Band and the Red Lake Nation are hosting the summit. Speakers include "Famous" Dave Anderson, former Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell and National Indian Gaming Association Chairman Ernie Stevens.

[Saving a Heritage](#)

MISSOULA, Mont.—Sweeney Windchief never realized that hard work could be fun. Windchief, Fort Peck Assiniboiné, is developing a cultural revitalization project on the Fort Peck Reservation in eastern Montana. As he describes it, the project seeks to restore the traditional cultural knowledge of his people and encourage young people to choose a path of freedom, respect, education and spirituality in their lives.